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SUBJECT: TRANSLINEAR/DUPONT CARIBBEAN

REF: PORT-AU-PRINCE 1681

1. TRANSLINEAR INC. PRESIDENT WILLIAM CARDEN, ACCOMPANIED BY BOARD CHAIRMAN "SPARKY" BECKHAM AND A ROBERT STAR (REPORTEDLY REPRESENTING AMERICAN AND JAPANESE INVESTORS WHO, IN CONNECTION WITH PLANNED INVESTMENT OF UP TO TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN CARIBBEAN, ARE CONSIDERING PURCHASE OF FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF TRANSLINEAR) CALLED ON ME TODAY TO BRING US GOVERNMENT UP-TO-DATE ON TRANSLINEAR'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN RECOGNITION FROM GOH OF COMPANY'S LEASEHOLD ON TORTUGA AS WELL AS ACTION BY GOH ON A FREEPORT AUTHORITY.

2. CARDEN SAID THAT AFTER MANY DELAYS HE HAD MANAGED TO SEE SEVERAL MINISTERS, INCLUDING BROS, WHOM HE CATEGORIZED AS SYMPATHETIC BUT PERHAPS WITHOUT THE NECESSARY INFLUENCE TO HELP THE COMPANY, AND FOURCAND, WHO HAD PROMISED TO HAVE A RESPONSE FROM THE PALACE TO COMPANY'S REQUEST BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12.

3. ALTHOUGH NOT REALLY HOPEFUL THAT PROMISED RESPONSE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, CARDEN SEEMED SOMEWHAT AT A LOSS AS TO POSSIBLE ACTION HE COULD TAKE IN FUTURE. HE WAS OF
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OPINION THAT INTERVIEW WITH MME. DUVALIER WOULD BE ONLY

WAY HE COULD OBTAIN ANY COMMITMENT FROM GOH, AND WAS SOME-
WHAT BITTER THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW
WITH ANYONE IN THE PALACE.

4.I ASSURED CARDEN TTAT IN NEAR FUTURE I WOULD POINT OUT
TO RESPONSIBLE MINISTERS THE NEED FOR A PROMPT REPLY TO
HIS REQUEST.
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